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## PAR-KAR COACH COMPANY GETS WORK STARTED

ANNOUNCES \$101,000 BUS-TRUCK ORDER FROM A FIRM IN GRAND RAPIDS

Start Deliveries Early in September

The Par-Kar Coach Company, which recently moved from Detroit and located in the Bollstrom factory in St. Louis is getting into production this week and all indications are that the factory will be a busy place from now on as a good supply of orders have been placed with the concern, which will keep it going at top speed for some time, even if no new orders are received.

Materials for the construction of the busses have been received and other materials, which have been ordered are expected to be on hand at the factory before the week is over and it is expected that next week will see a full force of men employed.

Officers of the Company announced Tuesday that they had secured an order in Grand Rapids for \$101,000 worth of their jobs, and that a contract had been signed for the work that is to be turned out and a check for \$10,000 paid to the new concern. Six of the Par-Kar busses are to be delivered by September 7 to the Grand Rapids company and 21 are due to be delivered within sixty days. This contract calls for a practically entirely cash basis on the work to be done.

President Westfall in making the announcement stated that the work on the six bus jobs to be completed by September 7 would be put under way at once and he has every confidence that the company will be able to deliver the six jobs within the specified time. He expected that the chassis work on the six would be completed within a week, leaving the balance of the time for the completing of the bodies, etc.

The company has been somewhat slow in getting under way since moving from Detroit, due to the slowness with which material has arrived and the difficulty of getting machinery, etc. The company, however, apparently has an exceeding bright future and it is certain that the people of both Alma and St. Louis will be found working hand and hand with the new organization in the effort to make it a real success.

## MORE DEATHS LESS BIRTHS

STATE REPORT SHOWS THIS CONDITION FOR THE FIRST HALF OF YEAR.

There were more deaths and less births during the first six months of 1922 than during the corresponding period of last year according to a report issued today by the Michigan Department of Health. The report shows that 329 more persons died in the first half of this year than in 1921 and that 5592 less births are recorded.

Despite the fact that there were more deaths this year, the death rate for the state remains 11.8 per 1,000 population, the same figure as last year and the lowest the state has ever experienced. The increase in population, this year, accounts for the fact that the death rate is the same. Between January and July, this year, 23,181 persons died from all causes, while in six months last year 22,852 died. There were 43,884 babies born during the fifth half of this year as compared with 49,476 last year.

The report which includes sixteen causes of deaths shows a decrease for nine causes and an increase for seven. The items which show increases are: measles, infantile paralysis, cancer, organic heart disease, bronchial pneumonia, lobar pneumonia, and railroad accidents. Those showing decreases are: typhoid fever, scarlet fever, diphtheria, tuberculosis, enteritis (under two years), childbirth, suicides, homicides and automobile accidents.

Diseases which largely affect the death rate are heart disease, from which cause 3,223 persons died in the first half of this year; cancer with a death toll of 1,693; and tuberculosis which caused 1,419 deaths. Deaths from railroad accidents increased this year from 67 in 1921 to 90. There were four less suicides and nineteen less murders than the first of last year and deaths from automobile mishaps decreased by four.

## BIBLE LECTURES

"How We Got Our English Bible." This is a story full of interest, which includes some of the most fascinating history of ancient times. Rev. E. E. Shouffer will discuss this in his lecture at the Baptist church Sunday morning at 10:00 a. m.

Three great manuscripts have been found that were not accessible when the King James version was completed, viz: The Alexandrian manuscript which was found in the old library in Alexandria, in 1628, which may be seen in the British Museum, London; The Vatican Manuscript which has been for centuries at the Vatican Library, Rome; The Sinaitic Manuscripts discovered in more recent times, now in St. Petersburg or Petrograd.

As we stand before this English Bible, the triumph of the scholarship of the world, one is overwhelmed with gratitude to God for his guiding Spirit, his preserving care. Thanks to the scholarly toilers of the ages, who have made this precious heritage possible for us all.

All are welcome to hear about this Sunday morning at the Baptist church at 10 a. m.

## ST. LOUIS TO GET NEW DEPOT

P. M. TO BUILD NEW STRUCTURE; FIX UP GROUNDS, TRACKS, ETC.

The Pere Marquette railroad has made a definite decision in regard to the building of a new depot in St. Louis, to replace the old building that was destroyed by fire about six months ago. The contract has been awarded to Spence Brothers, contractors, of Saginaw, and ground has been broken for the erection of a depot that will add much to the appearance of the city.

The new building is to be constructed of tile and brick, the original plan being to build the walls of twelve-inch tile and trim the corners, windows and doors with brick, but an attempt is being made by the railroad to have the walls made of eight-inch tile, covered completely with a veneer of brick. The building will be 21 by 64 feet with an extra covered surface at each end for baggage and mail carts. There will be a large general waiting room aside from the office, baggage room and toilets, with a basement under the entire building.

The surface between the depot and the tracks will be paved with brick, and the runway, connecting Main and Clinton streets probably will be paved by the city, as promised some time ago when the railroad was being urged to rebuild here. When the work has been completed in the fall and the ground about has been decorated with flowers and shrubbery as before, St. Louis will have as impressive an entrance and exit for the railroad as any city along the line.

## PECK'S BAD BOY

On Friday of next week the Strand Theatre opens the Fall theatrical season with Charles W. Benner's version of the famous farce comedy, Peck's Bad Boy, a clever play with plenty of pretty girls, beautiful costumes, catchy music and fun galore.

George W. Peck's "Bad Boy" stories originally appeared in a Milwaukee newspaper, and later in book form. They have been read and laughed at by millions of people in all parts of the country.

The stage version is said to be even funnier than the book, and Mr. Benner has been out with a road show of this hilariously funny farce for many seasons, and has met with unqualified success wherever his company has appeared.

This is the first musical comedy to be presented on the Strand stage, and the management of the theatre is very anxious to learn whether the people of Alma want shows presented here this fall and winter. The only way they can tell is by the patronage they get on this attraction. If it is generous, there will be other road attractions brought here from time to time, but if the attendance is poor, it is impossible to induce high-class companies to come here.

## KIDS—LOOK HERE!

Whee! We're goin' to have some more of those animals and birds in Wright Park to watch. Won't it be great? Tuesday evening the city dad's who hang around the city hall once a week, ordered some more real live animals. There's goin' to be a fox, a wild cat, four gophers, five turtle turtles and two cockatoos. Hope they get here soon so we can see 'em.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC

On Friday, August 25, the Sunday School of the East Superior Christian Church will hold its annual basket picnic at Rock lake.

Maple Nut, Raspberry nut, Vanilla Ice Cream. Special this week 40c per quart, DeLuxe Candy Co.—adv.

## FIGURES SHOW INTERESTING COUNTY FACTS

FOUR NORTHERN TOWNSHIPS AND TWO CITIES HAVE HALF OF POPULATION.

Also Have Half of County Wealth

People in this section of Gratiot County probably are not aware that four northern townships of the county together with St. Louis and Alma have almost one-half of the equalized value of the county and practically half of the population. This makes it certain that the north half of the county has a great proportion of the wealth of the people of the county. The four northern townships and the cities of Alma and St. Louis have the following equalized valuation and percentage of the county as a whole: Seville township equalized at \$1,394,453 or 3.32012 per cent. Pine River has an equalized value of \$1,713,747 or 4.8035 per cent. Bethany township has an equalized valuation of \$2,224,763 or 5.297054 per cent of the county valuation. Wheeler is equalized at \$2,185,260 or 5.293 per cent. Alma has a valuation of \$6,824,233 or 23.39193 per cent. St. Louis has a valuation of \$2,194,355 or 5.22467 per cent. This gives these four townships and two cities a total of 46.51622 per cent of the entire valuation of the county, but with only one-fourth of the territory.

Sumner, Arcadia, Emerson, Lafayette townships in the second tier have a combined valuation of \$7,061,590 or 16.8133 per cent of the entire valuation of the county.

The other middle tier of townships, New Haven, Newark, North Star and Hamilton, and including the village of Ithaca have a combined valuation of \$7,824,524 or 18.62979 per cent of the whole.

The southern tier of townships, North Shade, Fulton, Washington and Elba show a combined valuation of \$7,577,065 or 19.04063 per cent of the whole county.

Still more remarkable are the population figures in this same way. The northern tier of townships with Alma and St. Louis have more than 49 per cent of the entire population of the county. Seville township shows a population of 1,415 or 4.17231 per cent of the entire population of the county, 33,914. Pine River township has a population of 1,242 or 3.6622 per cent. Bethany shows a population of 1,301 or 3.83617 per cent. Wheeler gives a population of 2,177 or 6.41917 per cent. Alma has a population of 7,542 or 22.2386 per cent of the entire population of the county and St. Louis has 3,036 or 8.95025 per cent. This makes 49.2787 per cent of the county population.

The combined population of Sumner, Arcadia, Emerson and Lafayette townships is 4,567 or 13.4664 per cent, giving the north half of the county a large majority of the population, or 62.7451 per cent of the entire population of the county.

The other middle section of townships, New Haven, Newark, North Star and Hamilton and including Ithaca show a combined population of 6,437 or 18.98034 per cent of the county total.

The southern tier of townships, North Shade, Fulton, Washington and Elba show a combined population of 6,197 or 18.27267 of the county total.

## REPUBLIC GETS NEW FINANCE

COL. FRANK E. SMITH, PRESIDENT MAKES IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.

In a statement issued here by Col. Frank E. Smith, President and General Manager of the Republic Motor Truck Co. Inc., the following announcement was made:

"Mr. C. H. Poppenhuis, representing the Bankers' Committee, and Mr. M. N. Buckner, representing the Noteholders' Committee, announce that an agreement was reached this morning between representatives of the Noteholders' Committee, the Bankers, and other creditors of the Republic Motor Truck Co. Inc., with bankers, under which ample working capital will be provided for carrying on the business. Details of the plan providing for a re-adjustment of the Company's capitalization and indebtedness are now being worked out, and will be announced shortly."

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## Thelen Family Out For William Smith

Commissioner William M. Smith, of the State Public Utilities Commission, one of the four for Congress in the Eight District, has received a nominating petition from a farming community in Clinton County initiated and signed exclusively by members of the Thelen family.

There are 61 names on the petition and the signers in a note to Mr. Smith, regretted the fact that 15 other members of the family had signed other petitions, endorsing candidacy, before it was decided to circulate an exclusive Thelen petition.

The Thelens are farmers living in Bengal, Dallas and Westphalia townships. They informed the commissioner that they are all Republicans, all Thelens and all for Smith."

## OLD RESIDENT DIED THURSDAY

MRS. J. A. BAKER, ALMA RESIDENT FOR 42 YEARS, PASSED AWAY AT HER HOME.

Mrs. James A. Baker, a highly respected resident of this city for the past 42 years, and who with her husband had lived for forty years in one home at 410 West Center street, passed away Thursday afternoon, August 10, following an illness that has extended over a period of about three years.

Laura Ann Ferguson was born May 20, 1856 at Howell, Michigan, and at the age of five years moved with her parents to Shiawassee county, December 29, 1875, at the age of 20 years, she was united in marriage to James A. Baker. For five years they resided on a farm in that county and in 1880 removed to Alma, which was then a struggling hamlet of about 300 people. Since that time they have constantly made this city their home. Two years after coming to Alma Mr. Baker built the family home at 410 West Center street, where they resided for forty years.

Three children, Ray, Claude and Frankie, the latter of whom died in infancy, were born to Mr. and Mrs. Baker.

Mrs. Baker was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of the Ladies' Aid Society and other church organizations for many years and was a faithful church worker, deeply interested in its affairs.

For the past three years she had suffered from neuritis and various complications. At times she appeared to be much improved in health and hopes were held for her recovery, but on July 24 she suffered a stroke and since that time gradually declined until death came August 10. She endured her illness with remarkable fortitude, courage and patience during these years of suffering. Her friends and neighbors greatly cheered her during her last days of illness.

She leaves to mourn her loss her husband, James A. Baker, two sons, Claude of Gary, Indiana, and Ray of Davenport, Iowa; a brother, Charles E. Ferguson of Flushing, two sisters, Mrs. Ester White of Bentley, and Mary Ferguson of Flint, and a number of grandchildren.

The funeral services were held from the late home Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, Rev. Gelston and Rev. Clisbe officiating. Interment was made in the family lot at Riverside cemetery.

Among those out of the city who attended the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Ferguson of Flushing, Mrs. Esther White of Bentley, Mary Ferguson of Flint, Mrs. J. M. McPhee of Flint, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Baker and son of Davenport, C. L. Baker and daughter, Margaret, of Gary, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Blue of Flint.

## Moore Injured When Automobiles Collide

Floyd Moore of this city was badly hurt Friday morning when his automobile and another car collided on Superior street, as Moore was on his way to work at an early hour.

Hugh Wisniewski, living north west from Alma, the driver of the other automobile is said to have been driving down Superior street, and that he evidently did not notice Moore's car until the two almost struck each other. Both men noticed the other automobile at about the same time and it is said that each put on the brakes in the effort to avoid a smash-up.

The two automobiles skidded on the wet pavement, however, and crashed into each other, Moore's auto being hit on the side. Moore, driving the automobile, was so jarred by the impact of the steering wheel was broken and he was thrown from the car to the pavement, injuring him very severely.

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## MANY SEEKING NOMINATION AT SEPT. PRIMARY

NUMEROUS REPUBLICANS WANT THE NOMINATION FOR THE VARIOUS OFFICES.

Five Parties Want the State Offices

Five parties will have candidates for nomination at the primary, September 12, for the offices of United States Senator, governor and lieutenant governor, and in the congressional district and in the county only two tickets will be on the ballot, Republican and Democrat. The Republicans will have a flock of candidates for nearly all places on the ticket.

Following are the candidates who qualified last Saturday so that their names will appear on the primary ticket:

United States Senator—Republicans: Charles E. Townsend, Herbert F. Baker, John G. Emery, Patrick H. Kelley. Democrat: Woodbridge N. Ferris. Socialist: William L. Krieghoff. Prohibition: Frank E. Titus. Governor—Republican: Alexander J. Groesbeck, Theodore M. Joslin, Richard H. Fletcher. Democrats: James B. Balch, Alva M. Cummins. Socialist: Benjamin Blumenberg. Socialist Labor: Edward R. Markley. Prohibition: Belden Crane Hoyt.

Lieutenant Governor—Republican: Thomas Reed. Democrat: Walter I. McKenzie. Socialist Labor: Logan Cunningham. Prohibition: Edith R. Luttenbacher.

Congressman, eighth district—Republicans: Bird J. Vincent, William M. Smith, William C. Lash, Francis O. Lindquist.

State Senator—Republican: Bernice L. Case Newell Smith.

Representative in legislature—Republicans: Frank Oberst, David G. Locke, Joseph H. Seaver. Democrat: George M. Long.

Sheriff—Republicans: Earl Willert, Walter E. Thompson, Ralph E. Pettit, Edd M. Struble, Joseph Grover. Democrat: Jacob D. Helman.

County Clerk—Republican: Sidney A. Evoy, Harriet E. Colwell, C. Earl Richards, Calvin D. Wiles. Democrat: Carl Gallagher.

Treasurer—Republican: Belle J. Price, Frank H. Howes. Democrat: J. D. Smith.

Register of Deeds—Republican: C. Merie Heiser, William L. Hutchinson, George M. Whitman. Democrat: Sara P. Brodebeck.

Prosecuting Attorney—Republican: Romaine Clark. Democrat: John T. Mathews.

Circuit Court Commissioner—Democrat: Ray McCall.

Drain Commissioner—Republicans: Erva R. Laycock Luther Carter, Frank M. Cox. Democrat: George Reed.

Coroners—Republican: Bert E. Hall Will K. Ludwig.

Surveyor—Republican: Joseph Harrod. Democrat: Frank N. Grover.

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There are 20,000 motor buses now in operation in the United States.

## Important Notice

For five weeks The Alma Record has been sent to a large number of people in Alma and vicinity, free of charge. The purpose of this was to enable people who have not been in the habit of reading The Record to judge for themselves of its merits as a home town and family newspaper. It is the aim of The Record not only to record the news, but also to discuss community problems editorially. In addition to these two features, our advertisers offer special opportunities every week in the year to the buying public.

The cost of this service is less than a half cent a day, not quite three cents per week.

It would give us great pleasure to serve each and every one of you in this way. Below is an order blank. Please fill it out and send it to us with your remittance, or send no money but call at the office and settle within thirty days if that is more convenient.

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Please enter my name for one year's subscription to The Alma Record for which I promise to pay one dollar and fifty cents on or before October 1, 1922.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

## GOLDEN WEDDING

Tuesday, August 15, Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Davis of 632 Gratiot avenue, enjoyed the celebration of their fiftieth anniversary of wedded happiness. They were married August 15, 1872 at Charlotte, Mich., and began their wedded life at Eaton Rapids where they resided for three years. Two sons were born there, William Aaron and Edward Oscar, the latter dying in infancy. They went to Lansing where Albert was born. In 1884 they came to Alma where they have resided ever since. Theirs has been a life of sunshine and happiness for the most part, their greatest sorrow being the memory of the little one who passed years ago into the shadow land.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis both say in the words of D. Faunce:

"Our hearts are young as ever, now though fifty years are gone. Since vows were made and words were said that of the train made one. Our hearts are young as ever now fifty years more gone by. Our hearts will then be younger still there's youth for aye on high."

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## MERRITT MILLER IS ELECTROCUTED

KILLED BY LIVE WIRE YESTERDAY WHILE AT WORK NEAR SAUGATUCK.

Merritt Miller of the Central Michigan Light & Power Company of this city was electrocuted Wednesday afternoon, while working on the power lines of the Continental Utilities Co. near Saugatuck, according to word received here late yesterday by Manager Holcomb of the Alma company.

It is understood that Miller was installing a transformer on a pole when he came in contact with a live wire. Doctors were summoned and a pulmotor procured and everything possible was done for him, but to no avail.

Merritt Miller is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Miller living west of this city, and was a graduate of Alma high school. He is well known in Alma.

The funeral will be held from the home at 1 o'clock on Saturday p. m. and at 2 o'clock in the Methodist church of Alma.

UNION SERVICES AT PARK

Did you ever drive right into the church in your auto and sit on your own portable pew? That is the way the people come to the out-door union services in the park. The crowd was unusually large last Sunday night. Rev. J. M. Horton who was to deliver the sermon was unable to appear on account of hay fever. Rev. Shouffer, pastor of the Baptist church who was to preside at the meeting, substituted for him and the program was carried forward with the usual interest. Mr. Fred Fadden had charge of the music in the absence of Frank Smith. The services will be held in the big Chautauqua tent next Sunday night. Rev. Alexander Anderson, superintendent of community service, will deliver the address. An effort is being made to secure special music for the occasion. Seats free and everybody welcome. Come and fill the tent. Time 7:30 p. m.

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## PROGRAM OF CHAUTAUQUA IS PLEASING

OPENING DAYS INDICATE THAT THE PROGRAM IS ONE OF THE BEST.

Good Attractions Are Still to Come

The 1922 Redpath Chautauqua opened here Tuesday for its eleventh annual visit to Alma and, while the crowds that are attending the various numbers are not as large as in former years, the attractions each day are winning big favor.

William Wright, who was the superintendent of the Alma Chautauqua three years ago, returned this year and has charge of the attraction in the same capacity.

The opening entertainment was given by the Collegian Male Quartet, an organization that met with high favor both in the afternoon and in the evening, proving a high grade musical organization, interspersing well selected vocal numbers with saxophone renditions.

The speaker of the evening was Gov. Chas. H. Brough, who was introduced by Superintendent Wright. The governor is now president of the National Debating Society, and just this year was re-elected president of the National Good Roads Association. He and Ex-President Wilson are the only two men in the United States who have had the privilege of serving as governors of any of our states who have won the Ph. D. degree. He is a scholar, statesman and orator, one of the best on the American platform today.

The lecture by former Governor Charles H. Brough, of Arkansas, on "America's Leadership of the World," was inspirational, informative and eloquent, the lecturer tracing our triumphs in practically every field of human endeavor—government, business, education, literature, the fine arts, athletics and sports, wit and humor, oratory, statesmanship, and, above all, in religious progress. He quoted Gladstone and Bryce to prove that we have the greatest constitution ever conceived by the brain and purpose of man, and he argued that our government was the most responsive to the needs of the people of any on earth, animated as it is by the ideal of service. He pointed out that every century has had its distinct motto—that of the eighteenth century being liberty, of the nineteenth century, federation and union, and that of the twentieth century, service crystallized in our achievement in the

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## WELL GIVING GOOD SUPPLY

OVER 200 GALLONS OF WATER IS BEING SECURED FROM NEW WELL.

The last well put down by the city is now proving to be the best one that has been sunk of over a dozen in all in the effort to give this city a pure well water supply, and it is expected that this well will, with the others now in use, provide the city with all of the well water that it will need for some years to come.

The new well was sunk to a depth of over 500 feet at which time it gave a flow of slightly over 100 gallons. William E. Reynolds, city manager, in the effort to increase the supply of water dynamited the rock at the bottom of the well, using about 150 pounds of dynamite in the charges. This broke up the rock and greatly increased the supply of available water, opening new seepage to the well.

It has taken some little time since the well was dynamited to get it entirely cleaned out and in good shape to pump. It is now being pumped continuously and has been giving over 200 gallons of water per minute since that time. The available increase of water over the 24 hour period is thus increased by thousands of gallons of water per day and does away with any fear for the future of the water supply, for years at least.

It is very interesting to note in this connection that the pumping of this well is seemingly having very little effect on the other wells most of which however are about one-fifth as deep as the new well and are taking water from another strata.

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